

**Amendment and Response**

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**Remarks**

The Decision on Appeal mailed 31 August 2004 has been received and reviewed.

Claims 11, 16, 25, 39, and 49 having been amended, and claims 53-57 having been added, the pending claims are claims 11-13, 16-33, 35-37, 39-45, and 49-57.

Support for the amendments to claims 11, 16, 25, 39, and 49 can be found in the specification as filed at page 9, lines 13-20.

Support for new claims 53-57 can be found in the specification as filed at page 9, lines 13-20.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

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Summary

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 11-13, 16-33, 35-37, 39-45, and 49-57 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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